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**City of San Diego
Council District Eight
Council District Five**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 5, 2013
TO: Honorable City Councilmembers
FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez
Councilmember Mark Kersey
SUBJECT: Immigration Reform Resolution

Immigration reform is an important issue currently being discussed and debated by Congress. As the San Diego-Tijuana international border ports of entry drive regional and national trade with economic benefits approaching \$500 billion in trade in 2011, it is vital that the City Council ensure that our federal representatives clearly understand our priorities on this issue.

A couple different proposals to state the City's position have been put forward for consideration. After thoughtful deliberation on both proposals we have drafted the attached resolution language for City Council consideration. We believe that this proposal sends a clear message to Washington that reforming the immigration system in a way that allows for a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States is vital to a successful strategy moving forward.

We encourage the City Council to support the attached changes.

CC:
Honorable City Attorney, Jan Goldsmith